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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2006.

In the Action, restriction is required between:

- (I) Claims 1 and 3, identified in the Action as being drawn to a first alkaline storage battery, classified in class 429, subclass 218.2; and
- (II) Claims 2 and 4, identified in the Action as being drawn F:\02-06\5my-049-pto-resp:rrq wpd

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to a second alkaline storage battery, classified in class 429, subclass 209.

Applicants elect the subject matter of group (I), claims 1 and 3, for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse with the understanding that the applicants' rights under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 121 to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter are retained.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2006. A favorable action on the merits of the elected subject matter is believed to be in order and is respectfully solicited.

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